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WESLEY'S SYSTEM OF MEDICINE.

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The celebrated John Wesley, founder of Methodism, confined his attention to preaching; like his brother in divinity, the Reverend Doctor Hare, wrote and published a book on the practice of medicine. The first edition was issued in 1747, shortly before his first and memorable visit to Ireland; and at least three subsequent editions appeared during his lifetime. After his death, in 1791, the work continued to be reissued from time to time and had great vogue among his followers. A copy still turns up now and then; my own was printed at Leeds "near the old Church" by George Wilson, in 1813, and purports to be "a new edition." The work is entitled *Primitive Physic or an Easy and Natural Method of Curing most Diseases*, by John Wesley, M. A., and contains an alphabetical list of diseases or disorders, 288 in all, with their appropriate remedies, 824 in number.

In his preface, the reverend author attributes all sickness to Adam's fall: "The heavens, the earth and all things contained therein conspire to punish the rebels against their Creator; the sun and moon shed unwholesome influences from above; the earth exhales poisonous damps from beneath; the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea are in a state of hostility, the air itself that surrounds us on every side is replete with the shafts of death; yea, the food we eat daily saps the foundation of that life which cannot be sustained without it."

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